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W.H. Tamm
16 October 1946

Director
Bureau of the Budget
Washington, D.C.

Attention: Mr. Roger Jones

Dear Sir:

The wartime intelligence activity of the United States Government, as well as the War, Navy and other Departments, exercised certain powers which were extended to those departments and agencies by various Executive Orders pursuant to the First War Powers Act and Executive Order 9001.

The General Counsel of this agency is of the opinion that the authorization from the Secretaries of State, War, and Navy to the Director of Central Intelligence does not include the authority extended to the War and Navy Departments by Executive Order 9001.

The nature of the requirements of an intelligence agency are such that in many instances it is administratively impossible to obtain competition for the procurement of supplies, equipment, services, leases, etc. In some of this procurement there are security questions involved which necessitate special handling, but even where there is no element of security in the actual procurement, compliance with regulations on bids, awards and other formalities would seriously hamper the effectiveness of operations. It is proposed that the negotiating authority, if granted, would be limited to such instances of operational necessity.

I request, therefore, that the Bureau of the Budget recommend to the President that an Executive Order be issued extending to the Central Intelligence Group the authority contained in Executive Order 9001. A draft of the requested Executive Order is forwarded for your consideration.

Sincerely,

LRR/mll

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